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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1890.

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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Intimations.

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HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

FROM this day our Prices for the Unde-mentioned PATENT MEDICINES and PROPRIETARY ARTICLES will be as follows, viz.—

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| Alcock's Corn Plasters | \$0.40 |
| Porous | \$0.40 |
| Beecham's Pills | \$0.40 |
| Bell's Charcoal Powder | \$0.75 |
| Bengier's Liquor Pancreaticus | \$1.00 |
| Bishop's Extract of Caffeine | \$0.92 |
| Bragg's Charcoal Powder | \$0.75 |
| Braud's Essence of Chicory | \$0.94 |
| Braud's Injection | \$1.00 |
| Brown's Bronchial Tropic | \$0.40 |
| Bunter's Nervine | \$0.40 |
| Billington's Tonic | \$1.25 |
| Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.'s Dialysed Iron | \$1.00 |
| Ditto Hazeline | \$0.60 |
| Chardyno—Collis Brown's Oligoid's Indian (for Children) | \$0.45 |
| Coddy's Pills | \$0.40 |
| Condy's Fluid | \$0.45 |
| Cuticura Soap (per lb.) | \$1.00 |
| Perry Davis' Pain Killer | \$0.45 |
| Dimentoff's Fluid Magnesia | \$0.45 |
| Do Barry's Relevants, 75 cents & \$1.35 | |
| Edman's Royal Embrocation | \$0.95 |
| Eno's Fruit Salt | \$0.95 |
| Glover's Court Plaster | \$0.35 |
| Goddard's Plate Powder | \$0.40 |
| Grillon's Tamar Indian | \$0.75 |
| Grimault's Cigarettes | \$0.75 |
| Guyot's Tar Solution | \$0.75 |
| Pills | \$0.75 |
| Holloway's Piles, 1/14 40c., 2/9 80c. | \$0.90 |
| Ointment, 1/12 40c., 2/9 80c. | \$0.90 |
| Jayne's Sanative Pill | \$0.45 |
| Joy's Anti-Automatic Cigarettes | \$0.45 |
| Kay's Essence of Linseed | \$0.45 |
| Coaguline | \$0.45 |
| Kenting's Insect Powder | \$0.45 |
| King's Dandelion Pills | \$0.45 |
| Ladopamine | \$1.50 |
| Lau's Phosphocynine | \$1.45 |
| Ointment | \$0.45 |
| Pills | \$0.45 |
| Lambough's Saline | \$0.50 |
| Loville's Gout Drops | \$0.50 |
| Pills | \$0.60 |
| Mallin's Food for Infants | \$0.45 |
| Morrison's Pills | \$0.45 |
| Nadira's Dog Soap | \$0.45 |
| Neuraline | \$0.45 |
| Norton's Camomile Pills | \$0.45 |
| O. S. Tooth Block | \$0.35 |
| Paid Fectorale De Nafid d'Arabic | \$0.45 |
| Fond's Extract | \$0.50 |
| Powell's Balsam | \$0.70 |
| Rigalot's Mustard Leaves | \$0.45 |
| Dr. Cooke's Oriental Pills | \$0.45 |
| Rowland's Macassar Oil "Golden" | \$2.00 |
| "Odonate" | \$0.00 |
| Russian Ingesta | \$0.60 |
| Sandford's Eye Powder | \$0.45 |
| Savessac's Sanal Oil Capsules | \$1.00 |
| Simpson's Moon's Infant's Food | \$0.40 |
| Scott's Liver Piles | \$0.45 |
| Seigel's Spruce | \$0.90 |
| Pills | \$0.45 |
| Sedgman's Powders | \$0.45 |
| Seppen Mineral Pastilles | \$0.45 |
| Trusset's Pell-melline | \$1.25 |
| Eucalyptus | \$1.25 |
| Vaseline, in 1lb. tins | \$0.55 |
| Warren's Essences of Remont | \$0.45 |
| Wilkinson's Scarsparilla | \$1.50 |
| Winshaw's Soothing Syrup | \$0.45 |
| Wright's Coal Tar Soap, 1/6 Box | \$0.60 |
| Wyeth's Dialysed Iron | \$1.00 |
| Edge's Food for Infants | \$0.45 |
| Robinson's Patent Baryley and Groat | \$0.40 |
| Calvert's Carbolic Soaps | \$0.45 |
| Toilet Soap (per box) | \$0.35 |
| Medical, per Table | \$0.35 |
| Household Bars | \$0.35 |
| Peats Scented 1/4 Oval Soap Tablets | \$0.35 |
| A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. | |
| Hongkong, 19th December, 1889. | 2396 |

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been Received from THE MILITARY AUTHORITY that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place at Stonecutters' Island from FRIDAY, the 3rd, to WEDNESDAY, the 15th January (Sundays excepted), between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Line of Fire will be in a South-Westerly direction from the Battery.

ALL SHIPS, JUNKS, and other VESSELS are CAUTIONED to keep clear of the Range.

By Command,

A. LISTER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, December 31, 1889.

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KALYDOR

Whitewash the teeth, prevent decay, and give a pleasing fragrance to the breath.

MACASSAR OIL preserves & beautifies the hair, can also be had in a golden colour. Price 5/- 1/-

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATELLES, at very moderate prices. 749

22 & 24, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, December 21, 1889.

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Intimations.

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS
WILL RE-OPEN ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 8th Inst.

The teaching staff in the Boys' Department has been increased by the arrival of Mr. ARTHUR A. WATTS, C.M., of Cheltenham Training College.

Miss S. F. TAYLOR, O.M., has been engaged to Superintend the Girls' Department, which will, in future, be carried on in a separate building at 21, Elgin Street.

In addition to the ordinary English subjects there will be classes for French, Latin, Chinese, Drawing and Singing.

Pupils enrolled on MONDAY and TUESDAY, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890.

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THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A final DIVIDEND for the year 1888, being a return to SHAREHOLDERS of 3% on the Net Contributory Premium, is now declared.

WARRENS will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after WEDNESDAY, the 8th Inst.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, December 26, 1889.

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HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOYES CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

NOTICE

As sufficient Shares have been applied for to float the above Company, the business will be taken over (in accordance with the Prospectus) from this date; but in deference to numerous requests from intending Subscribers the Share List will be kept open until the 31st Instant.

January 1st, 1890.

REFERRING to the above notice we beg to announce that a

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

WILL BEGIN ON

MONDAY NEXT.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1890.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 232.

CHINA SEA.

LOKA ISLAND-LIGHT.

NINGPO DISTRICT.

NOTICE

It is hereby given that on or about

the 12th January 1890 light will be

pointed at Loka Island, which will be

placed at the top of the tower light advanced in

order to Marconi's No. 229 of this series.

The apparatus of the new light is Fixed

Dioptric of the Fourth order, and is ar-

ranged to show sectors of white and red light

between the following approximate bear-

ings:—

White from N. 15° W. to N. 85° 30' W.

Red from N. 85° 30' W. to S. 85° W.

White from S. 85° W. to S. 24° W.

Red from S. 24° W. round by South

to N. 85° E. round by North to N. 15° W. the light will be entirely obscured by Loka Island.

The bearings are magnetic and taken from

the stars; and until a further notice is issued, the sectors are subject to alteration.

The light will be elevated 123 feet above

the sea and in clear weather the white light

should be visible from a distance of 15 miles.

The tower is round, built of stone, with a

total height from the base to the crown of

29 feet.

The tower and lightkeeper's dwellings

are painted white.

The approximate geographical position is

Latitude 29° 58' 15" N.

Longitude 122° 27' 20" E.

N.B.—This light will be exhibited mainly in

the interest of Chinese junks and fishing boats, and the provision of the red sectors is experimental. Until further notice therefore vessels of foreign type are warned not to make use of it.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,

H. V. BRENNAN,
Acting Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,

Coast Inspector's Office,

Shanghai, 1st January, 1890.

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CHAMPAGNE.

VIN BRUT, ROYAL CUVEE,

LEMOINE.

AS SUPPLIED TO

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH,

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8432.] JANUARY 7, 1890.

Notices to Consignees.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM. NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the Company's Steam or Melpomene from BOMBAY, are hereby informed that their Goods are now being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Tsimshau, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel having been Cargoes to Calcutta and Madras ex S.S. Nica, transhipped at Corinto. From Taranto, &c., ex S.S. Thalia and S.S. Imperia, transhipped at Bombay.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Undersigned before Noon, on the 14th Inst., or they will be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 41

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Company's S.S. *Oriana*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Consignments are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 8th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 8th Inst. will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 12

STEAMSHIP CALEDONIEN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEURIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of cargo from London ex Steamships *Douro*, from Havre ex Steamship *Douro* and *Gaudron*, and *guitar*, and from Bordeaux ex Steamship *Fred. Morel* and *Ville de Lille*, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, Bowrington, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 a.m. To-morrow (Friday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 9th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent to me on or before the 11th January (Saturday), they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEURIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

From Singapore ex *Congo*.

E A 37 Casks *TILES*, transhipped cargo from Barcelona ex *s.s. Y. de Loyola*.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 2465

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Frigate*, Capt. Entwistle, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed in the Godowns of the Hongkong, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMESSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 20

JUST PUBLISHED.—Price, 50 Cents.

MISSION ETRANGERES
History of the Churches of India, Burma, Siam, China, Japan, &c., &c.

TRANSLATED BY
H. PARKE, Esq.
H. B. M.'s Consular Service.

To be had of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.; Messrs. KELLY & WALSH (Ld.); and Mr. W. BREWER; and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, November 6, 1889. 3122

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, EMBROIDERIES, CURIOS, ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 11th January, 1890, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

THE REMAINING PORTION OF A FINE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS, ETC., comprising—

OLD BLUE AND WHITE AND FIVE-COLORED PORCELAINS, JARS, VASES, PLATES, BANNS OF THE OLD DYNASTIES, FROM THE MINGS DOWNWARDS, IMPERIAL PORCELAIN, OLD PEKIN, EXAMINIS, BRONZE, LAQUER, SNUFF-BOTTLES, HAWTHORN BLUE, ETC.

A VERY FINE BLUE AND FIVE-COLORED KANGXI SCREEN.

A VERY FINE LOT OF OLD SILK EMBROIDERIES.

AND A QUANTITY OF OTHER CURIOS.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890. 40

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1889. 1453

DENTISTRY.

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MR. WONG TAI-PONG,

Surgeon Dentist,

(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND LATENT ASSISTANT TO DR. ROSES.)

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CONSULTATION FREE.

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SOLO Addresses

2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1890. 66

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY-HALL, on THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 9th, to THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELDON HOOPER,

Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 43

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY-HALL, on THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELDON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 49

THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL,

WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL,

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each ENGLISH and FRENCH Mail Steamer for Europe. It contains special Commercial intelligence, special tables of Shipping and other information. The "Overland China Mail" is the largest Aerated Water bottle made, and gives a great advantage to the consumer.

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Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS,

ON

MONDAY NEXT,

the 13th Instant.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Hailstorm leaves for Stow, &c.

Daylight.—C. & F. leaves for Stow, &c.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Achilles leaves for London.

Miscellaneous.

9 a.m.—Artillery Practice.

Victoria English Schools re-opens.

Goods per *Oniza* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Frigga* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

press is pretty severe, and even in democratic France, discipline is so strict that very little information leaks out about the mistakes that are made. Besides, the French are less disposed than the English to pass adverse criticism on the efficiency of their army and navy. They are more inclined to magnify than to diminish its power. The spirit manifested in England is undoubtedly the more healthy and the more likely to conduce towards the rectification of errors and the general amelioration of the service. The greatest improvement that has taken place during the last two or three years in the condition of our Navy is in a great measure the result of the strong public opinion that was generated in England by the merciless exposure of the defects in our armour. But the freedom to criticize may be very often in England is abused. Speaking at Liverpool on the 23rd November, the First Lord of the Admiralty took occasion to point out that many of the reports that were circulated about the navy and the guns with which our ships are

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action. Still it was not a perfect gun, and it would be returned to the manufacturers, so as to be strengthened; but the manufacturers assured the Admiralty that within three weeks a strengthened gun would be in their possession, and that in the next three or four months the number of guns which they had undertaken to deliver of that calibre, and strengthened upon the principle hitherto mentioned, would be in the hands of the Admiralty. We hope Lord George Hamilton's testimony to the quality of the work done by English gunmakers and gun designers will tend to neutralise the effect produced by the "anonymous complaints and deprecations" which have injured British trade to a considerable extent.

An instance of the loss that had been suffered on this account, Lord George said that at the present moment a large number of steel forgings were over to the continent to be worked up into guns for foreign nations. Undoubtedly, he said, the order to work up these guns would have been given in England if it had not been for the complaints of English newspapers and English anonymous writers. There can be no great harm done to English trade by pointing out what are really defects, but the system of exaggerated depreciation so common in certain quarters must have an injurious influence. The First Lord of the Admiralty cannot expect to escape criticism "because it is possible that an intending foreign purchaser may be deterred from giving orders on reading of the mistakes we have made; but he is justified in protesting against the gross exaggeration of our errors which has been indulged in late. There is in his speech two very reassuring statements, with which we will conclude. He says:—*"I have never had any hesitation or doubt in asserting that the fighting power of the English Navy is superior to the fighting power of any other navy, and although my statements have sometimes been criticised, nobody who was present at the Naval review at Spithead this year will dispute that my contention is a correct one."* Again—*"At every foreign station except one our force is far in excess of any naval or, I might say, any combination of naval Powers. This is very comforting, and if we in this distant part of the Empire had even a remote idea when we were to get the big guns we had paid an equivalent for, and which are said to be absolutely necessary for our defence, we might feel perfectly happy and secure."*

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE CHINA MAIL.]
(Via Southern Line.)

GREAT BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL
LONDON, January 3.
The King, in his speech at the opening of the Chambers, stated that Portugal was endeavouring to convince Britain that she had rights on the Zambesi, persists in this attitude and hopes to speedily restore accord.

(From Singapore Papers.)

FIGHTING IN BRAZIL.

London, 26th Dec.—There have been anti-revolutionary riots at Rio Janeiro. From the 18th to the 20th instant, there was serious street fighting which was quelled on the latter date by troops.

INFLUENZA SPREADING.

The epidemic is spoiling Christmases throughout the Continent. The hospitals in Paris and Vienna are crammed; in Brussels the garrison is decimated. Deaths are becoming numerous. The Czar and the King of Portugal have caught the contagion.

ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL

London, 26th Dec.—The Portuguese reply to Lord Salisbury's note is said to be favourably received at the Foreign Office.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUZI CANAL.
OUTWARD BOUND.—Glenvarren, Nov. 22; Cambodia, 25; Hummer, Dec. 6; Benalures, Hispania, Hector, 17; Shakespeare, 20; Carnarvon's, Glenfinnan, Natal, Titan, New Guin., Craymore, 24; Leetor, Nestor, 21.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—Antin, Dec. 3; Agamemnon, Andromache, Glamorganshire, Daphne, 24; Capricorn, 27.

The s.s. Cleopatra, with the English Mail of Dec. 6th, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 1st Inst., at 1 p.m., and is now due. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on October 30th.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Guelph*, with the American Mail of Dec. 14, was to leave Yokohama on Friday, the 19th, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 28th Inst.

The Canadian Pacific Co.'s s.s. *Abyssinia*, from Vancouver, left Japan for Kobe, Nagasaki and Hongkong on the 7th Inst.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Diamond*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 3rd Inst., and may be expected here on or about the 7th Inst.

The Glen Liner steamship *Glenayre*, from London, left Singapore on the 2nd Inst., and may be expected here on or about the 6th Inst.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bulwerston*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 3rd Inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th Inst.

The Glen Liner steamship *Glenayre*, from London, left Singapore on Jan. 5, and may be expected here on or about the 11th Inst.

The P. & O. extra s.s. *Shanghai*, from London, left Singapore for this port on the 5th Inst., and may be expected here on or about the 11th Inst.

The Ben Line steamer *Bengal* left Singapore on the 6th Inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th Inst.

The s.s. *Broneshire*, from London &c., left Singapore for this port on the 7th Inst., and may be expected here on or about the 14th Inst.

The P. & O. Co.'s extra steamer *Kashgar*, left Bombay for this port on the 23rd December.

The P. & O. extra steamer *Bombay* left London for this port on the 26th Dec.

We believe that the Hongkong Volunteers have sent a challenge to the Singapore Volunteers to compete with them in big gun firing.

Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the steamer *Broneshire*, from London, &c., left Singapore for Hongkong this morning.

By the kind courtesy of Col. Chater and the officers of the A. and S. Highlanders, the Band and Pipe Band will play on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30, at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Two more calendars have come to hand—one from the London and Provincial Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Adamson Bell & Co., agents) and the other from the Lancashire Insurance Co. (Messrs Ambrose Karberg & Co., agents).

On account of the competition of the Electric Light Company, the Shanghai Gas Company is about to make a further reduction in the price of gas. They have also made an offer to light the whole of the settlement for Rs. 16,870, as against the present sum of Rs. 25,161 paid for gas and electricity. There is considerable disquiet in the settlement on account of the unreliability of the light produced by the Electric Company, and the Municipal Council are evidently in doubt about continuing the double system of lighting now in existence. The present Council's term of office expires shortly, and they considered the best way out of the difficulty was to leave the matter to their successors.

The performance of the Pantomime last night was generally admitted to have been the best that has yet been given. There was, we are glad to say, a very satisfactory house, and the expressions of approbation in which the audience indulged showed that the pantomime had lost none of its attractiveness. All the performers went through their work with excellent spirit, and there was not a dull moment from the rise of the curtain to the finish. Mr. Hopkins, whose success as "Ally Sloper" has been phenomenal, struck out a new line by appearing a grotesque caricature of a highlander, and he was even more funny in a kill than he had previously been in the familiar attire of the famous "Ally."

An old inmate of Victoria Gaol appears to have been putting his "ticket-of-leave" to a strange use. He and three others were brought before Mr. Robinson in the Police Court to-day on a charge of demanding money with menaces from a sub-contractor and his workers. Their method, it is alleged, was to represent themselves as detectives, and the convict's license was produced and exhibited as a warrant. To provoke apparently for a time in which the sight of this document should not have a suffi-
ciently paralyzing effect, three of the men were armed with swords and one with a pistol. In this case, however, they did not succeed in getting anything. Mr. Robinson heard the evidence in the case to-day, but deferred giving his decision.

This extinguishing of the grass fire which raged among the hills near Repulse Bay on Sunday last proved a very difficult task. The rapidity with which the fire spread, owing to the extreme dryness of the grass, made the process of beating it out by means of brooms and branches of trees next to impossible. After several hours of hard work on the part of the police and the gangs of coolies from Hongkong and Aberdeen, the fire still continued to burn brightly in places more or less difficult of access and it required the utmost activity to prevent these from spreading to an unmanageable extent. It was near six o'clock on Monday morning before the work was completed. Fortune's very little wood was burnt, for, although the fire got hold of some young trees in a ravine, its progress was stopped before it reached ground in which trees have been extensively planted. The fire was the largest one of the kind that has occurred in the Colony for a long time.

Deputy Surgeon-General R. Lawer has

been relieved at Hongkong by Dr. F. H. Paterson, his successor at Dover, vice Deputy Surgeon-General S. A. Lithgow, C.G., D.S.O., proceeded to Bengal.

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A DREAM FOR HOLDERS OF FUMON SHARES.

Some remarkable facts were disclosed at a meeting of the Oceanic Transvaal Land Company in London on November 21. The Company was formed in November 1886, when it acquired 1,800,000 acres of land in the Transvaal, at £1. 3d. per acre, a total of £144,000. Owing to the remarkable discoveries of gold that have since been made, the Company is now going to pay upon each share a dividend of no less than 12½ per cent., and in addition the whole share in other companies of the value of £460,000, even while the remaining lands are computed to be worth a million and a half of money.

The P. & O. extra steamer *Bombay* left London for this port on the 26th Dec.

We believe that the Hongkong Volunteers have sent a challenge to the Singapore Volunteers to compete with them in big gun firing.

Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the steamer *Broneshire*, from London, &c., left Singapore for Hongkong this morning.

By the kind courtesy of Col. Chater and the officers of the A. and S. Highlanders, the Band and Pipe Band will play on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30, at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Two more calendars have come to hand—one from the London and Provincial Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Adamson Bell & Co., agents) and the other from the Lancashire Insurance Co. (Messrs Ambrose Karberg & Co., agents).

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This Times says:—Mr Stanley, we are assured by a high authority, is not likely to be home much before the end of January. He will probably stay for some time at Mombasa, and give the benefit of his experience there to Mr. George Mackenzie in organising the government of British East Africa. It is hoped that Mr. Stanley himself, after a rest, might be induced to undertake the administration of this important region, and, if it were necessary, we have reason to believe he might be quite willing to become a British subject. It would evidently be of the highest importance to British interests in that region that a man who has done such magnificent work in Africa, and shown himself so supremely capable under the most trying conditions, should be retained to look after them.

This curious incident is related as having occurred during the passage of the *Eurath*, trooper, to Malta. During the middle watch on the night of the 23rd Nov., a great crash was heard by the officer of the watch, followed by a fall of material upon the awning. On an examination of the damage, it was found that one of the glass balls had fallen from the spindle of the royal masthead and had fallen from the mainmast and broken into pieces, and amidst the glass ball was discovered a dead thrush, with its head severed and its breast bone and one of its wings broken. The accident may have been caused by the bird being carried in its flight, by the strong wind that was blowing at the time, against the glass ball; but it is remarkable that an small a bird as an English thrush should have caused so much damage, as the ball was made of thick glass and was eleven inches in diameter.

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FACE AN EX-HEMIS (behind), a male beetle, but a skull nobr: he don't got no soft side.—Nero macie.

It is often more difficult to obliterate traces of spilled ink than drops of spilled blood.—Chicago Mail.

SIXXES as to a man and his deeds will do more to extinguish him than columns of abuse.—Yorkshire Gazette.

A FIREWORKS POCKET-BOOK is one whose name was written on water stock to relieve Gordon Pasta, but many were killed, and God drove them back ignominiously. And then the whole Gordon and its dependents accepted the Mahdi's rule, and submitted to the Inim, the Mahdi, and gave themselves to him, with their children and possessions, and became slaves. The Mahdi, however, had no slaves, and was killed by God, and his children and property became the prey of the Moabites. The armies of the Mahdi, under the command of our friend, Wed on Nedguri, are besieging Egypt now. Waly Half and Abu Hamid, Nair Asker Abu of Hudji, are our friend. Osman Digna, Abyssinia is in the hands of our friend Humdan Abu Gauja; in the encounter with the Abyssinians God helped him, and he killed them, and among those killed was the chief of their army, who was called Ras Adraji. Some of his children were killed and some made slaves. Our people reached the great church in the town of Condor, which is one of the most remarkable things among the Christians. In Difort, Shaka and Bahril Gid is our friend Oman Akin, and with him Karamadi and Zeber el Fadil. The whole country is in the hands of God's soldiers, who war against the Inim, the Mahdi. So now we have come to a week to get an engagement ring. Sweet Girl—Um—perhaps you'd better take the measure of my finger now, George.—N. Y. Herald.

WOMAN TO TRAMP WHO HAS Eaten A WHOLE POUND.—"I have got a hole in my pocket-book, and I want to get it mended." The tramp (with tears in his eyes)—"Yes, madam, that is all I have left in the world which I can rightly call my own."—Burlington Press.

TRAVELER.—This umbrella once belonged to Lord Tennyson. Giggles—Ye! don't say so! How did you come to get it? I was having a lunch at the Adelphi one day, and dropped in to have a bite, too. I left before he d.—Crip.

IMPERSONATED YOUTH.—Arabel, I love you! Will you be mine? I am a King of Today—Once, come now; I'll marry you, if you like, but I'm not going to be yours; you've got to be mine, and do as I say, or you can get divorce for incompatibility.—Detroit Free Press.

SWISS GIRL.—Oh, this is so sudden. You will give me time to reflect—a week at least. Fond Lover—Certainly. Even if you should accept to-night it would take a week to get an engagement ring. Sweet Girl—Um—perhaps you'd better take the measure of my finger now, George.—N. Y. Herald.

JOHNNY.—Mamma, little Mormon boy, has ten or fifteen mammae, don't they? Ma. Bink—Yea, Johnny, Johnny—and all the mammae that are in the world will be your mammae.—I guess, Johnny (thoroughly, after a pause)—Say, mamma, I should hate to be a little Mormon boy when there was anything to be spanked for.—Laurene America.

To complete the drama—A small, seven-year-old was one day informed of the arrival of a new brother, the seventh son. His mother, Mrs. Goldfarb, of Shin Company, London, had a small gold in the river bed there.

In a hollow gold in the river bed there from the elevated quartz ledge, from which this is supposed to have been derived by denudation, there are 40,000 tons of quartz in sight—good 1 oz. stuff.

The river will be dredged somewhat after the fashion of the Clutha, near Dunoon, in New Zealand, only its course will be turned in addition, so as to lighten the cost of dredging operations. The only drawback is the deadly nature of the climate in the uncultured jungle country, which is fatal to coolies and European alike.

How is your daughter Nancy gitlin? long ago she married and moved to California? I wish the first Indiana mom.

Is she doing well? Doing well? Why, bessy, she's gittin' long perfectly lovely.

Her first husband died, leaving her \$20,000 in cold cash, an' twent' three months later she died on her feet a consummate worth \$10,000. Oh, but she's a rattle, that gal.

To the DEAF.—A person cured of Deafness and noise in the head of 23 years, taking for his and his friend's stock £7,000 worth of shares, and paid each £1,000 upon his signature to the Bank of England, Belford Square, London, W.C., England.

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THE MAHDI AND EMIN.

AN EXTRAORDINARY LETTER.

Mr. Jephson has forwarded to Sir W. Mackinnon a translation of a letter sent by the Mahdi's General, Omar Salih, by three Peacock Dervishes to Emin. The letter arrived on October 17, 1888, when the Pasha and Mr. Jephson were prisoners at Duffie, and was intercepted and opened by the local officers, who, after torturing the Mahdi's three envoys to get information from them, had them beaten to death with clubs.

In the letter Omar Salih, after the customary greeting, and a long paragraph reminding the Pasha of the mutability of human affairs, and the omnipotence of Providence, says:—"As you are intelligent, and understand good advice, we have heard of you from many of your friends, who have told us of your life and of your work. As we have decided to tell you of our duties, we do not speak the truth about us, and they are many people adverse to us, and they do not speak the truth about our affairs, and perhaps they deny the truth."

On the 1st of November, 1888, the Mahdi, and his children and goods became the prey of the true Moslems, and he, the Mahdi, should be victorious over all his foes, though they were as numerous as the sand of the desert, and who ever should disobey him should be punished by God.

He commanded the people to collect and assist him against his foes from all parts of the country, and he wrote to God, "I am the chosen of God, who has sent me to fight against the infidels."

He gathered together a force of 10,000 men, and the Mahdi's followers found him at his destination.

He had, however, to flee before the forces of the Pasha.

He was captured by the Pasha's forces.

He was sent to the prison of the Pasha.

He was tortured and beaten to death.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8422.—JANUARY 7, 1890.]

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NOTICE.
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MARITIMES.
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COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 8th January, 1890, at Noon, the Company's S.S. YANTZE, COMMANDANT FLANDIN, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 7th January, 1890. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent,
Hongkong, December 26, 1889. 2425

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE, V.I.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship BATAVIA, 2,563 Tons Register, WILLIAMSON, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1890, at Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. ABYSSINIA, on the 6th February, and the S.S. PARTHIA, on the 6th March.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY, and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria (Max.) \$210.00

To Montreal, New York, &c. 190.00

To Liverpool 325.00

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To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 8th January.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office, and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1889. 2382

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1890, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama, and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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Passengers from this Line have the option of proceeding overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco, or China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10%.

This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, December 28, 1889. 2446

Mails.



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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

THE INDIAN IMPERIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to Accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 4, 1889. 2113

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CHINESE MAIL

THE present LEASE of the Chinese Mail EXPIRED on the 31st ultimo, after which date the INTEREST of the present LESSEE (Mr. HO CHUNG SHANG) entirely CEASED. The BUSINESS is now conducted by a MOST EFFICIENT NATIVE STAFF, and Arrangements have been made which cannot fail to make the Paper in EVERY SENSE a FIRST-CLASS JOURNAL.

GKO. MURRAY BAIN, Proprietor.

CHINA MAIL Office, September 1, 1889.

SAILORS HOME.

A NY Cast of CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLE.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 2, 1890. 19

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessels. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Bremen & Ports of Call. Bayard (a). Norddeutsche Lloyd. Jan. 19, at 10 a.m.

Havre, London, &c. Dordogne (a). Adamson, Bell & Co. About January 20.

V. Suez Canal-Oriental (a). Brit. Russel & Co. January 8.

London, v. Suez Canal-Oriental (a). Zafiro (a). Russel & Co. Jan. 15, at noon.

Marseille, v. Suez Canal-Oriental (a). Messageries Maritimes. Russel & Co. Jan. 8, at 4 p.m.

N'koh, Kobo & Y'hua, Broadsides (a). Adamson, Bell & Co. January 17.

Port Durwin, &c. Pisces (a). Butterfield & Swire. Jan. 20, at 4 p.m.

S. Francisco, v. Japan City of Rio de Janeiro (a). Pacific Mail S. S. Co. Jan. 9, at 1 p.m.

S. Francisco, v. Japan (a). S. S. Co. Jan. 18, at 1 p.m.

Shanghai, via Amoy. Clyde (a). Butterfield & Swire. January 9.

Shanghai, via Amoy. Diomed (a). Butterfield & Swire. January 12.

S'pore, H'p'n & I'l'ng (phoenix) (a). Douglas Lapra & Co. Jan. 9, at 10 a.m.

S'pore, Penang & O'ta Katsang (a). Douglas Lapra & Co. Jan. 11, at noon.

Sarais, A'b & B'l'ay, Malpounce (a). D. Saason, Sons & Co. Jan. 11, at noon.

Sarais, and Bombay. Venetia (a). P. & O. S. N. Co. Jan. 11, at noon.

Swatow, Amoy, &c. Thales (a). Douglas Lapra & Co. Jan. 9, daylight.

Swatow, S'pore & B'l'ok, Chow-E (a). Yuen Foo Hong. Jan. 9, daylight.

Swatow, S'pore & B'l'ok, Phu Chon Kiao (a). Adamsom, Bell & Co. Jan. 9, at noon.

Vancouver (B.C.), & Batavia (a). Adamsom, Bell & Co. Jan. 9, at noon.

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